

### Catholics in the Revolution.

The Revolution brought out the true character of Catholics, and whenever Washington saw them or met them his justice and magnanimity saw overwhelming proofs of their loyalty and patriotism. He saw the Catholics of Maryland and Pennsylvania joining heartily and unitedly in the Revolution.

Archbishop Carroll, in defending Catholics against unjust aspersions said they were more unanimous on the side of independence than any other religious body in the land and had shed their blood more liberally in proportion than their fellow citizens of any other creed.

Washington, too, saw the Declaration of Independence signed by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the Constitution signed by Thomas Fitzsimmons and Daniel Carroll, who were among its founders; he saw John Carroll go to Canada with Dr. Franklin, Samuel Chase and Charles Carroll of Carrollton to endeavor to remove from Canadian minds the resentments caused by the declarations of the American Congress against the Quebec act, which gave Canadians religious liberty, and by its aspersions uttered against the Catholic religion.

He saw the famous Maryland Line fight by his side until they became his favorite Soldiers; he saw by his side his devoted aides-de-camp, General Stephen Moylan, of Philadelphia, and Colonel John Fitzgerald, of Virginia, during the whole war, and besides those he beheld distinguished in the service of the patriot army or rendering aid to the cause such Catholic officers as Doyle, McGuire, Charlevoix, Gosselin, Guillot, La Balme, Loiseau and the Catholic Indian Chief, Orono, who bore a Continental commission, leading his Catholic tribes to the field of battle. He saw Commodore Barry carry the Stars and Stripes in triumph over the

seas until he became the recognized founder of the American Navy, and survived to receive a naval commission from the first President himself.

It was a Catholic priest to whose exertions and services we owe the raising of the American flag over the cities of the great West, thus gaining the the great Northwest, now teeming with powerful States, to the cause of independence — this was Father Peter Gibault, the patriot priest of Vincennes who blessed the Catholic company of Kaskaskia as they filed into the Continental army of the Northwest. The Catholic officer, Francis Vigo, and the Catholic priest, Father Gibault, by the aid they rendered to the American general, Clark, saved an empire of States to the Union. In 1870, Washington's own state of Virginia acknowledged Father Gibault's services by a public resolution of its Legislature.

Catholic Indians, as well as Catholic white men, were led into the patriot cause by Father Gibault, and it is admitted in our histories that he saved the Northwestern States to the American Union. The first chaplain's commission issued by the Continental Congress, was given to a Catholic priest, the Franciscan Father Lotbiniere.

### A Veteran Educator on Education.

The day is passed forever when mere ability to read, write and cipher can be called an education. You may do all that and still be justly considered an ignorant man.

Reading, writing and ciphering can no longer dispel the clouds of ignorance, conceit, selfishness, rapacity and dishonesty that are now rising, black and threatening, in every quarter of the sky.

It is only correct thought, real knowledge, just and broad observation, an undeviating sense of honor, and the heart and soul to stand by them all,